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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR CHINA

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1. "TIMES OF INDIA" STORY MAY REPRESENT LEAK OF
PRELIMINARY PLANS BY SOME RAND CORPORATION ANALYSTS TO
SEEK PRC AGREEMENT FOR A DELEGATION TO GO TO CHINA
1) TO VISIT MILITARY SCHOOLS TO LEARN WHAT SORT OF
MILITARY DOCTRINE IS NOW BEING TAUGHT AND 2) TO DISCUSS
NORTHEAST ASIA SECURITY IN GENERAL.

2. SUCH A TRIP HAS BEEN MENTIONED INFORMALLY TO THE PRC
UN MISSION BY A RAND ANALYST BUT HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY
PRESENTED. NOR HAS IT BEEN RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH
THE USG.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DIRECT EVIDENCE, IT IS ALSO
POSSIBLE THAT MID-DECEMBER STORY ABOUT US ARMS SALES TO

CHINA CAME FROM THE SAME SOURCE, WHO TOOK SOME
ELLIPTICAL REMARKS BY THE PRC UN MISSION AT ONE TIME TO

BE AN INDIRECT QUERY AS TO WHEN THE US WAS GOING TO SELL
WEAPONS TO THE PRC. AS NOTED IN DECEMBER, THERE IS NO
SUCH SALE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. ABOVE IS FOR ADDRESSEES INFORMATION ONLY. YOU SHOULD
RESPOND TO ALL QUERIES ABOUT THE STORY BY SAYING THAT WE
KNOW OF NO MILITARY EXPERTS DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO
VISIT CHINA, THAT WE KNOW OF NO PRC REQUEST FOR SUCH A
DELEGATION, AND THAT USG IS NOT INVOLVED IN TRYING TO
ARRANGE ANY SUCH VISIT.

5. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO INFO POSTS WHICH DID NOT
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